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WALTER FORRESTER'S LETTER.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 28.—If this Legislature would get to talking it wouldn't be so hard to size it up; but it goes on saying very little but doing a great deal. There is very little debating but a vast amount of voting. The followers of Bryan and Blackburn are so numerous here that the little handful of republicans take no part and but little interest in the proceedings. The republicans, however, cannot be expected to be very cheerful with William Henry Jones as their "leader." Jones is like old Commodore Vanderbilt's son-in-law, more kinds of a damphool than any I have ever known, always excepting Bill Lyons, who, however, isn't entered in the present Jackass stakes. I am playing this way now, Bill Lyons first, provided he faces the starter, Bill Jones, for second place and Bill Deboe third. Isn't that a pretty bunch of hillbillies?

Things are not altogether sad here notwithstanding that Klondike bill recently introduced by Representative North to abolish the best assistant adjutant general of his kind that Kentucky ever had. Last Tuesday Col. Baldwin, the Maysville "Turnpike King," and Col. Chinn, the "King of the Raiders" met in the lobby of the Capital Hotel.

"Jack," said the Turnpike King his voice trembling with emotion and other things, "for Gaud's sake call off those d--d raiders!"

"Now," he continued laying his hand affectionately on Col. Chinn's shoulder, "look me in the face Jack! Did you ever see a face like that—?"

"No," interrupted the King of the Raiders, "No by G—; not outside of the State's prison!"

And the turnpike indignantly retired to his room and refused to irrigate with Col. Chinn until late the next afternoon.

If this democratic Legislature represents the sentiment of the party, the Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn will be the practically unanimous democratic choice for United States Senator to succeed Senator Lindsay. The fact is and it may as well be admitted, when the people of Kentucky look at Deboe, they will shiver when anything more is said about beating Jo. If Kentucky had to have another like the Marion Snorer, many of us would be like Senator Bill Clark, of Jackson, who requested that if his county had to be taken off the Eighth and put in the 11th, the Legislature would annex it to Virginia and let it go. Everything now is for Blackburn and it is not going to change.

Senator Goebel is undoubtedly the most popular democrat in Kentucky now, after Blackburn and I will venture the prediction that he will be the next governor and that he will succeed Bill Deboe as United States Senator in 1902; that Bronston will be Congressman and finally governor; that Beckham will be one of the leading figures in future Kentucky politics; that Charlie Nelson, of Hardin county, will be re-elected in 1899 and will be one of the happy silverites who will go 'round singing: "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Lord," when Joe Blackburn "comes to his own" again. And finally I will predict that the present Legislature will have more names prominent in the future history of Kentucky, than any other that has ever convened here.

And yet nobody knows what this Legislature is going to do; it may do me.

WALTER FORRESTER.

It is estimated by a competent foreign authority that only 900 persons of 1,000,000 die from old age, while 1-200 succumb to gout, 18,400 to measles, 2,700 to apoplexy, 7,000 to erysipelas, 7,500 to consumption, 48,000 to scarlet fever, 25,000 to whooping cough, 30,000 to typhoid and typhus, and 7,000 to rheumatism. The averages vary according to locality, but these are considered accurate as regards the population of the globe as a whole.

It is said that some of the inhabitants of Venice—those that have never been to the mainland—have never in their lives seen a horse. A showman once took a horse to a Venetian fair and placed him on exhibition as a monster, and many factory hands paid a shilling each to see him.

The latest type of phonograph has been sent to Windsor Castle for the purpose of procuring permanently the tones of Queen Victoria's voice. Her majesty has consented to speak a certain message into the instrument.

The amount of capital invested in the manufacture of bicycle tires in the United States is estimated at \$8,000,000, the number of persons employed at 3,000 and the number of tires produced annually at 4,000,000.

A Mississippi paper says: "Some fiend incarnate, with the roaring furnaces of hell starting him in the face, entered Jones' house Sunday night and stole the Sunday-School collection."

The hide of "Owney," the postal car-wrecked around the world, has been stuffed and placed in the Post-office Museum in Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

LANCASTER.

It is reported that Graham was not wounded in the altercation with Gill. Elder Gowen was ill Sunday and Eld. Jesse Walden filled his pulpit. Rev. Faulconer is at Barbourville and Rev. T. H. Campbell preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

The colored people gave a cake-walk and musical concert at the court-house on Friday night. A large crowd attended and the music and other performances were highly enjoyable.

While there are many here who believe that something should be done for Cuba, it is not believed that the sending of ships to Cuban waters will avail anything unless General Wall Street issues the orders.

Miss Mary Elkin and Mr. Albert Severance, of your city, were here on Sunday. Mr. Severance went on to Paint Lick to call on Miss Florence Heath to whom he will be married at her home in Richmond on Feb. 9th.

In the police court, Judge Brown fined Alexander Gill, colored, \$10 and costs for committing a breach of the peace, and \$1 for using abusive language. George Wallace, colored, was also fined \$25 for selling liquor unlawfully.

The friends of Miss Christine Bradley are delighted with her idea to use water instead of whisky in christening the "Kentucky." The suggestion is in keeping with the good taste which has always been manifested by that elegant young lady.

Mrs. Ida B. Clayton died on Thursday after a protracted illness. She was a niece of J. M. Higginbotham and was well connected. She was the widow of the late William Best and was married to J. M. Clayton, who, with an infant, survives her.

I am under obligations to Col. W. S. Miller, of Knoxville, for a large and instructive map of Col. Boone's Black Diamond System of railways, embracing a large area of territory, through which a total distance of 718 miles is proposed to be built.

James A. Beazley is preparing to go into the undertaking business. We will then have three good men in a business, which is the last one that a man patronizes, and even then he has no say about the matter, although an investment is sure to be made at some time.

Constable T. J. Hammond received a warrant from Boyle county for the arrest of James West, colored, who was wanted at Danville to answer the charge of house-breaking. Mr. Hammond found him in the vicinity of Buckeye and took him to Danville on Friday.

On Saturday afternoon Alexander Gill and "Babe" Graham, of Danville, both colored, engaged in an altercation on Battle Row, when five shots were fired, three by Gill and two by Graham. The latter disappeared at once and it is thought he is wounded. Gill gave him self up to Marshal Walker and is under bond.

An old folks' concert will be given at the Baptist church in this city on next Friday night, under the management of Miss Margaret Murphy, her class of children rendering the songs of long ago in solo, quartette and chorus, interspersed with recitations and pantomime. Tickets for sale at McRoberts'.

Sam Evans is agent for the famous Armour beef and it is said that he will be a public benefactor by causing better cattle to be butchered here. To show, however, how we are controlled by imagination, a citizen got a steak from T. S. Elkin, took it home and said it was Armour beef, and after partaking of it, it was pronounced the best meat that the family had tasted for many moons.

The passage of the Teller resolution is not thought to have anything to do with the settlement of the money question; since it only approves the payment of certain bonds in silver, at the option of the government, such bonds having been issued to be so paid, and no injustice can be done to either party by paying in accordance with the terms of the contract. The real question will arise on bonds to be issued.

Senator Farris received a postal card from Lancaster, signed, "Many Citizens," saying that his constituents expect him to oppose any bill requiring a lawyer to be honest, a doctor to be truthful, or a politician to be worthy of credit on oath. This is a broad thrust and the Senator writes that if such a bill is introduced he will have certain parties exempted from its provisions since they are so corrupt as to be beyond the reach of legislation.

The old maid's convention will be held at the court-house on Feb. 14, under the management of Miss Amanda Anderson, net proceeds to be given to the W. C. T. U. The play is new, novel and attractive, and has drawn large crowds wherever it has been rendered. The ladies are passed through a machine and so treated that they afterward appear as girls of 16 and engage in amusements, usually indulged in by those of that age, the costume and general appearance being changed.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Jessamine county is not able to pay for pikes, and poles will be replaced. Legrande Larow, of Lamar, Mo., has whiskers seven feet and one inch long. Of course he is a populist.

Senator Lindsay says that the present Legislature did not elect him and had no power to ask his resignation.

The democratic caucus at Nashville has reached the 127th ballot for United States Senator, the vote standing: McMillin, 33; Taylor, 30; Turley, 25.

The House voted 188 to 67 to pay the Methodist church South \$288,000 for property destroyed during the war. Daizell led the fight against it.

The G. A. R. at Louisville protest against the appointment of Leslie Combs as pension agent and ask the president to give the place only to an old soldier.

The lodge amendment to the Teller resolution declaring that all of the obligations of the United States should be paid in gold, was lost by a vote of 53 nays and 24 yeas.

The following postmasters have been recommended by Senator Deboe and Referee Denny: Lexington, F. Clay Elkin; Eminence, M. J. Williams; and Paris, Sherman H. Stivers.

By a vote of 77 to 6 against the House passed Mr. Mount's bill to change from July 1 and November 1 to June 1 and September 1 the time for holding teachers' institutes.

In the election of U. S. Senator every member of the South Carolina Legislature voted for John S. McLaughlin, except the one colored member, who voted for George W. Murray.

The Senate passed the Teller concurrent resolution to make payment of principal or interest on United States bonds in either gold or silver. The resolution passed by a vote of 47 to 32, Senator Lindsay voting in the affirmative.

Senator Lindsay made a speech in favor of the Teller resolution declaring that the government is neither legally nor morally bound to pay its obligations in gold and said he would vote for it as it placed no new law upon the statute book and imposed no new policy upon the executive; that the resolution being similar to the Matthews resolution, its adoption would be an endorsement of the executive construction that had been put upon the Matthews resolution for 29 years. As long as we redeem the greenbacks and Sherman notes in gold and keep our 400 and odd millions of silver dollars at par with gold, it is immaterial what currency or coinage we may use in the payment of our bonds, said he.

MIDDLEBURG.

W. T. Coulter has moved to his place in North Middleburg.

Hereafter there will be school on Saturday instead of Monday at Janie Wash Institute.

The school is progressing nicely. The attendance is about 50 and more are expected to come.

So far the rain fall has been 11 inches for the month of January, or more than enough to make good crops.

A Graphophone and X-Ray exhibition was advertised to be held at Keeley's Opera House Saturday night.

Sherman Lawhorn, late democratic nominee for circuit clerk and one of the finest young men in Casey, has bought Wm. Wheat's interest in the firm of Wheat Bros., Mt. Salem. The firm is now Wheat & Lawhorn.

The number of republican papers that have either given up the ghost or retired from politics clearly show that prosperity has surely come or that the election held in November did not prove to be a panacea for their political ills.

Miss Lizzie Shears, of Danville, has been visiting Mrs. John Wesley. V. R. Coleman, of Somerset, is at home. G. E. Stringer, who has been in Indiana for the past nine months, was in last week. H. C. Allen, of Pulaski, was in town last week. J. H. Buis, the hustling goose trader, has moved to Lincoln, near South Fork. Our 10s will be Lincoln's gain.

Col. Watterson's answer to the Indianapolis Sentinel in Thursday's C-J clearly shows where the colonel is. O, that every rad could read the article, especially those who thought they had a cinch on the big editor and his paper. This country would be far wiser if there were more Wattersons. I don't lay aside any of my free silver beliefs when I say so either. Mr. Watterson says he is a democrat and not a republican and that he will not again support or advocate a third party, and that he re-enters the democratic party as a private in the ranks.

Gov. John Young Brown sued the city of Henderson for \$2,000 for cutting the street down in front of his house and got a verdict for \$375.

Commissioner Powderly finds that during the year 1896, 80,019 immigrants arriving in the United States were illiterate.

The gold reserve has reached \$163,670,000 the highest point in seven years.

MATRIMONIAL.

The anti-firting bill was laid out in the Virginia Senate and the Johnnies are happy.

Augustus Reeves, of Casey, and Miss Lucy Maxey, of the West End, were married Friday.

James Rogers, aged 76, and Miss Lucille Ayers, 54, were joined heart and hand at Cadiz, O.

Miss Lou Gaddis, an old maid of 70, surprised the natives of Alton, Ill., by marrying her tenant, just 22.

Miss Lillian Kane, of Fayette county, shot herself after a quarrel with her lover. The wound is considered fatal.

The wife of D. R. Hanna, the Senator's only son is suing for divorce at Cleveland, O., alleging gross cruelty and neglect.

Miss Mary F. Huber, of Louisville, the efficient secretary of the Kentucky Sunday School Union, who is well-known here, will be married in the spring to the general secretary of the New Jersey Sunday School Association, Rev. E. Morris Ferguson.

Poor little King of Spain! At 12 years of age, when a boy ought to be playing marbles or spinning tops or roller skating, he is blasphemously "betrothed" to a girl three years older than himself, the daughter of a reprobate and probable suicide.

In Kansas the society papers publish a list of the gentlemen, whom the bride has refused, in the write-up of her marriage. Such a list would occupy small space here, where a young lady was hardly ever known to reject an eligible offer of marriage.

Inequality of the law in different States is shown in the fact that for having one wife more than the laws allow a man in Chattanooga was consigned to the penitentiary for 20 years, while in Indianapolis, another convicted of the same offense was let off with a fine of \$100 and imprisonment in jail 180 days.

Mrs. Jennie Lawless-Gatewood, one of the wealthiest widows of Montgomery county, and the mother of three grown sons, who are identified with Mt. Sterling's 400, went to Lexington and married Tom Thomas, her farm overseer, aged about 25 years. Mrs. Thomas is a beautiful lady and before her first marriage she was Miss Jennie Lawless, of Glasgow.

Invitations have been received to the marriage of Miss Florrie Heath, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Heath, of Richmond, to Mr. Albert H. Severance, of Stanford. The ceremony will occur at the First Presbyterian church at Richmond, at noon, Feb. 9, and will be an unusually brilliant affair. The prospective bride is both pretty and popular and the groom is an excellent young man of steady habits and good business qualifications. Miss Heath has frequently visited here, where she made many friends, who will gladly welcome her to become one of us.

LIBERTY.

Green River had on its swell attire all the first half of last week.

A new bank building is one of the many improvements scheduled for next year.

A very successful exhibition of the X rays was given at the court-house last week.

J. L. Frohman, of Danville, was here Monday looking for a house in which to open a gent's furnishing store.

On Jan. 14th, the day that Hawk Wilkinson was 36 years old, his wife presented him with a daughter for a birthday present.

Mrs. Nick Roberts was tried last Thursday and adjudged insane. She was taken to the Eastern Asylum at Lexington Friday by her husband and T. J. Bell.

The Commercial Bank, established little more than two years ago, has become indispensable, alike to stockholders and depositors. Its stock sells away above par.

Dr. William L. Lowder, of Mt. Olivet, this county, was in town Friday. He will go to Louisville in a few days to accept a position as demonstrator of Anatomy in the Kentucky School of Medicine.

In the sale of property belonging to the estate of the late W. T. Murphy last Monday, M. K. Humphrey bought most of the town property and John Elliott the land lying outside of town.

W. H. Bartle & Son have their planing mill in operation now. They decline to employ men who either drink or swear. If men in every branch of business would adopt the same rule it would be a powerful discouragement to two of the most useless and pernicious habits in which it is the custom of men to indulge.

Rev. C. O. Brown, the San Francisco preacher who stood up and swore that Miss Overman's charges of adultery were false, has made a confession that the girl told the truth and he lied like a trooper. Notwithstanding he says he will continue to preach the gospel.

A woman was burned to death at Pittsburg, and her husband is suspected of murder.



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